The U.S. Department of Defense Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Program



A View to the Future June 1998



Purpose

To provide an overview of the U.S. Department of Defense Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Program and some thoughts on where the Program needs to grow



Emerging Operational Environment

Conflicts characterized by:

- Urbanized Terrain
- Within the Littoral
- Non-state Actors
- "Subtle War"





Challenges Facing Military Commanders



- Availability of Technology
- Public Misconception
- Increased Legal Issues

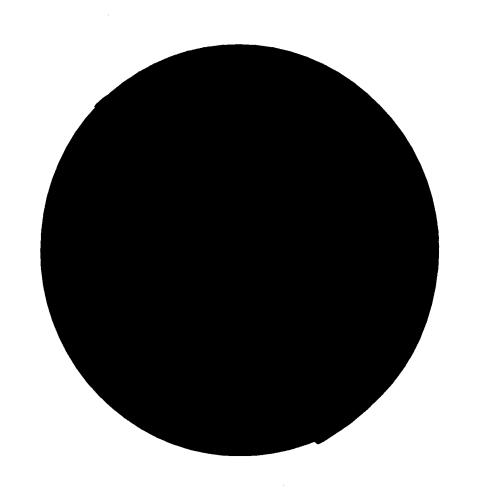
- Noncombatants
- Media Factor





The Real World

- Haiti/Bosnia
- 🗼 Iraq
- Sri Lanka?
- & Cuba?
- NEOs?





Defense Planning Guidance FY 2000 - 2005

"NLWs have proven useful across the range of operations, including both conventional combat operations and the many categories of military operations other than war... Current efforts to study and understand the use of NLWs from the strategic to the tactical levels must be integrated into all future military and interagency concepts and operations. "



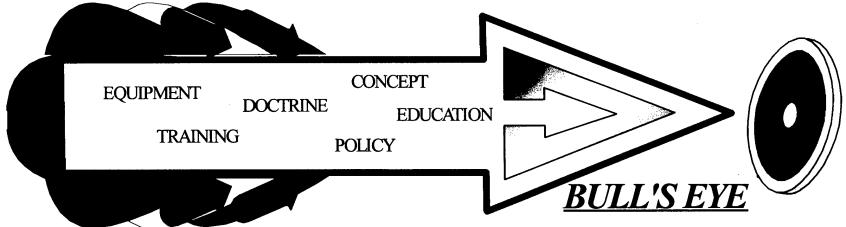
Where are NLWs headed?



- A joint, coordinated and focused effort
- Oriented toward more rapid fielding
- Blend of low tech, near-term with high tech, long range
- Integrated capability across the spectrum of warfare



NLW Vision Arrow

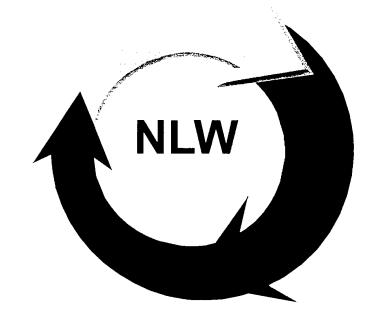


- + Developed, institutionalized, and fielded integrated capabilities
- + Multi-spectral, multi-level battlespace relevance
- + Understood new military capabilities at all levels
- + Integrated
 - Policy
 - CINC OPlans
 - Operations



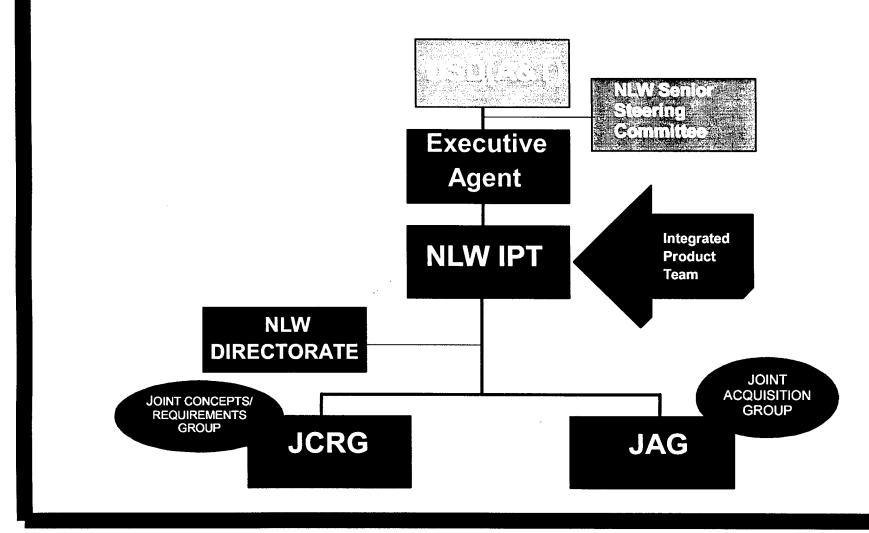
Current NLW Objectives

- Ongoing field support/ Capability Sets
- Formalize training concept
- Meet or beat fielding timelines
- Realize a stand-offNL strike capability
- \sim NLW vision > 2025





NLW Management Structure





The Joint NLW Concept Core Capabilities

- **」** Counter-Personnel
 - Crowd Control
 - Incapacitate Individuals
 - Deny Access
 - Clear Facilities/Structures
- _ Counter-Materiel
 - Area Denial (land, sea and/or air space)
 - Disable/Neutralize Equipment or Facilities

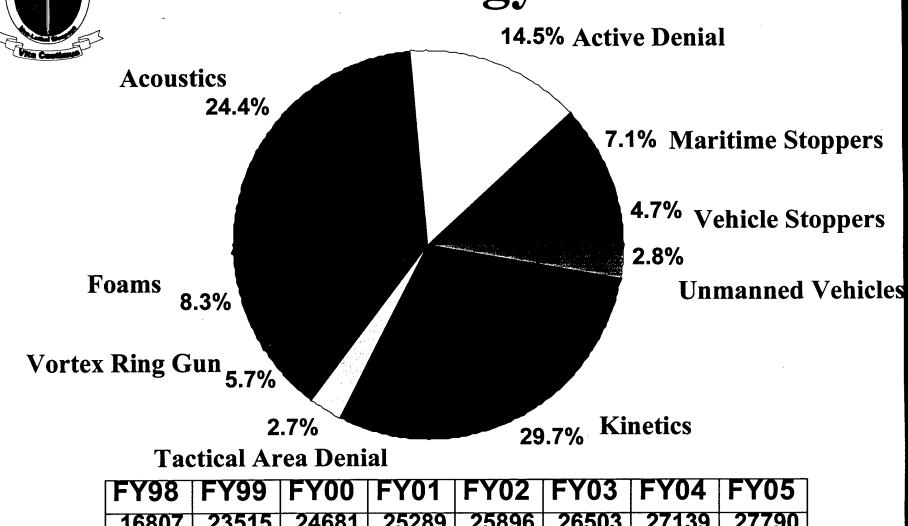


The Joint NLW Concept Guiding Principles

- Leverage High Technology
- Enhance Operations
- Augment Deadly (Lethal) Force
- > Provide Rheostatic Capability
- Focus on Tactical Applications
- **Expeditionary**
- * Acceptable
- **Reversible Effects**



Technology Breakout



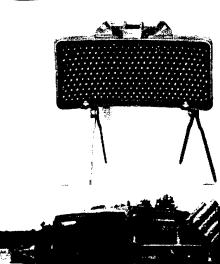
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Note: In \$K





Current/Emerging Technologies



- → Kinetics/RCAs
- → Acoustics
- **→** Electromagnetics
- → Lasers





A Case For Non-lethals

- → Minimized casualties to noncombatants
- **→** Reduced post-conflict costs
- **→** Improved operational flexibility
- **→** Enhanced effectiveness of lethal force
- → Supports JV2010 Precision Engagement



A Case Against Non-lethals

- ***** More likely to employ military option
- * Increased complexity in operational decisions
- * Increased early media attention
- ***** Unrealistic public expectations
- * Encourages proliferation of NLWs



Evolving Concepts

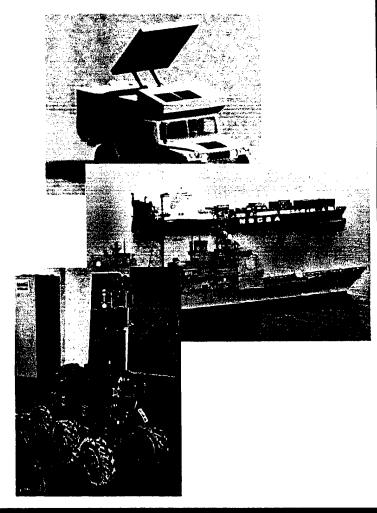
- > Layered Defense/Stand- Off
- > Joint Operational Support Stock (JOSS)
- Non-lethal Capabilities
 Assistance Team (NCAT)
- > Strategic targeting and delivery

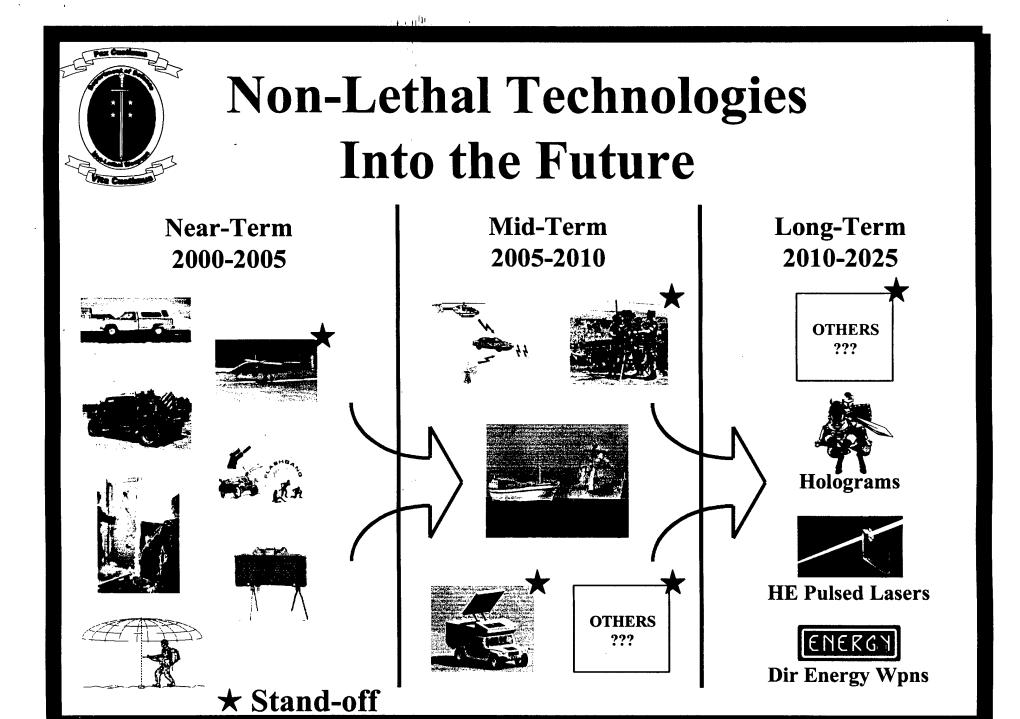




Future Technology Concepts

- > Calmatives
- > Combustion Inhibitors
- > Anti-microbials
- > Vortex Ring
- > Robotics
- > Micro-miniaturization
- > NLW/IO Interface







What Have We Learned in Bosnia, Haiti and Somalia?

- **✓** Low level of knowledge in theater
- ✓ Highly charged, political environment
- Other NL options may be available
- Tactical employment concepts lacking
- Potential use against operational targets



Rules of Engagement

- CINC Conference held 7-8 Jan 1998
- Consensus achieved no separate Annex, or additional restrictions on commanders
- **Emphasis** needed on training and TTPs
- **♦ Still looking to define "force"**
- Refine current ROE during upcoming review ongoing now



Joint Services NLW Training Concept

- Builds on past experience already exists
- Recognizes individual Services' training requirements
- Comprehensive NL training package for resident trainer and user course, and mobile training capability
- Training includes tactics, communications, crowd dynamics, weapons/munitions, and rules of engagement



Other NLW Initiatives

- Joint NLW 2025 Vision
- JNLW Web Site
- DOD NLW Database
- Joint Integration Project
- Annual Report
- Human Effects Panel
- Foreign Exchange
- PAO Guidance



NLW Scenario Review



Somalia Redux

Situation: Friendly government in disarray with numerous internal factions. Humanitarian concerns. NGO support/security required. U.S. involvement solicited by all parties.

Conditions: - Violent mob behavior

- Infrastructure inoperative

- U.S. Embassy centrally located

Requirement: Stabilize, secure feeding stations and infrastructure sites.



Southeast Asia Crisis

Situation: Friendly government in disarray. Neighboring country with hegemonic goals has attacked. U.S. citizens/interests at risk. UN action authorized to repel invasion.

Conditions: - Violent mob behavior

- MSRs clogged and impassable
- Congested urban environment

Requirement: Massive evacuation of U.S. and allied noncombatants.



Son of DESERT STORM

Situation: Non-aligned, hostile government attacks neighboring country. Invasion threatens U.S. interests and regional stability. UN-sanctioned deployment to stop invasion and restore border.

Conditions: - Conventional, high intensity war

- Noncombatants shield key targets
- Maritime blockade effected

Requirement: Destroy enemy government ability to function while minimizing collateral damage.



Weapons of Mass Protection?

Situation: Biological weapons and manufacturing facility uncovered in friendly but unstable country. Host nation unable to address threat. Potential for spread of terrorist activity is high.

- Conditions: Facility located in dense urban area
 - Terrorist faction professionally adept
 - Restricted to covert special ops

Requirement: To isolate and destroy stockpile of biological facility with no collateral damage.



Operational Decision Complex

- **○** Is lethal force adequate to the task?
- **⊃** If not, will non-lethal force be appropriate?
- **⇒** If so, which non-lethal technologies might apply?
- **⇒** Where are they? How do I access them?
- **⇒** What are the legal/ROE implications?
- **⇒** What are my employment options?



Summary

NLW Team

Focus on Soldier, Sailor, Marine, Airman

Form,
Substance and
Direction

The Commander's Non-lethal Option